Hoshikuzuu SCANS

Aoi Musubi

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SCANNER
Hoshi
TRANSLATOR
Taka

CLEANER
Hoshi
TYPESETTER
Dan

PROOFREADER
fluffy sheep monster
QUALITY CHECKER
Hoshi

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I DON'T MEAN "GOALS," LIKE STUFF I WANNA DO
BUT, LIKE...
GOALS?
..UH, THANKS FOR LISTENING TO MY, UH, GOALS AND STUFF.
HEY, SO, THANKS FOR EVERYTHING THIS YEAR AND..
YEAH, GUESS SO
THIS WAS A RATHER LONG VISIT.
Here ya go.
Tha nks.
SHOUTS
YOU KNOW!! TO ANOTHER GOOD YEAR WITH YOU, MAKO-SAN!
和士結び・結
YOU'VE GOT SOME BONITO FLAKES THERE
Huh?
Where?!
SAME TO YOU.
AUUGGHH!
.....

和生結び・笹
第一和
灼
-Syaku-

HERE YOU GO, MAKOTO-KUN.
THUNK
snap
IS THIS SAKE?
YUP.
TODAY'S THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY, RIGHT?
CONGRATULATIONS
!
AH, YOU REMEMBERED ...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
BUT OF COURSE!
HOW COULD I NOT FOR A PLACE I LOVE SO MUCH?
WAIT, ARE YOU SAYING ...
YUP, TODAY'S THE VERY DAY THAT YOSHIMI-SAN FIRST OPENED THE PLACE.
Got off work late so he's joining them for dinner
HE WAS A REGULAR BACK THEN AS HE IS NOW.

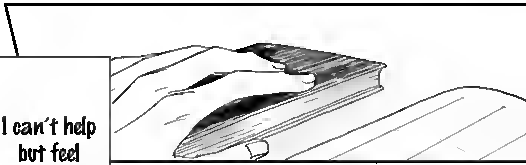
I'M SORRY, I SHOULD HAVE...
IT'S FINE. IT'S WHAT I WANTED TO DO.
Way before Kouta's and your time.
And just how old are you?
TIME SURE FLIES.
Sorry.
...THANK YOU.
SO, JUST KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING—WITH THIS SHOP AND WITH THE FOOD YOU SERVE.
THEN, FOR TODAY, I WILL MAKE WHATEVER YOU ALL FEEL LIKE EATING.
Yay!
I want boiled scallions with miso!
I want Dashi Rolled Egg Omelet*1
Yay!
hip hip hooray

*1 THE EGG IS SEASONED WITH JAPANESE BROTH, FRIED AND ROLLED INTO AN OMELET

30 YEARS...
YOU'VE SURE GROWN UP WELL.
THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.
YOSHIMI-SAN WOULD BE SO PROUD OF YOU
YOU'RE SO HARD ON YOUR-SELF.
PLEASE. I STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO BEFORE THEN.
BUT WOW.
I GUESS THAT MEANS ..
THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOSHIMI-SAN'S PASSING IS ALMOST HERE, TOO.
...IT IS.
TIME REALLY DOES FLY.
HOW ABOUT I HEAT A WARM ONE FOR YOU?
PLEASE AND THANK YOU.

KOUTA
ARE YOU FREE NEXT MONDAY?
OF COURSE.
IT'S AN IMPORTANT DAY, AFTER ALL.
...THANKS.
SOBA AGAIN THIS YEAR?
I GUESS SO—SINCE HE LOVED IT.
MAYBE I SHOULD TRY MY HAND AT MAKING IT...
YOU WANT TO TRY?
IPPEI'S GRAND-MOTHER IS THE BEST PERSON TO LEARN FROM, YOU KNOW.
REALLY?
GUESS I'LL GIVE THEM A RING LATER.
YOU BETTER EAT IT EVEN IF IT TURNS OUT BAD, OKAY?
DO YOUR BEST NOT TO, THEN.
Okaa aay.

SURE HAS BEEN SNOWY LATELY.
WOULD'VE BEEN NICE TO HAVE SOME BLUE SKIES.
I'D LIKE TO TELL HIM EVERYTHING, TOO. YOSHI-MI-SAN, I MEAN.
YOU DO THAT.
WHAT ABOUT LUNCH?
Already made it. Coz' you were busy with work and whatnot.
OH, OKAY.
Well, I've gotta get up early tomorrow, so I'm heading to bed.



I can't help but feel guilty.

but even so,

As far back as I could remember
I've spent much of my time alone.
I resented the shop
for the times I could only catch a glimpse of my busy father.

I loved the few moments that he would take the time to teach me to cook.
And yet,
Cooking took my father away from me.
But it had given me something in return.

DAD.
TRY ADDING A LITTLE LESS SUGAR NEXT TIME.
ruffle ruffle
OKAY.

COULD I HAVE A WORD, YOSHIMI-SAN?
SURE.
I admired how honest my father was.
In my hazy memories, I feel there was someone else there- someone gentle and motherly in my family
And I thought we could live on like that.
Because I am all the family they had.

I will watch over this place just as my father and mother had done.
Yes.

That was what I had believed...
And yet
I...
to be continued

灼 -Syaku-
重版出来!!
gtc[相生結び]
IN STORE NOW

Now creating the past

相生結び・続

第二和

I always had a feeling.
That I wasn't like the others. That I couldn't be like the others.
Hiding it as much as I could, bottling those feelings away...
A fear soon crept upon me.

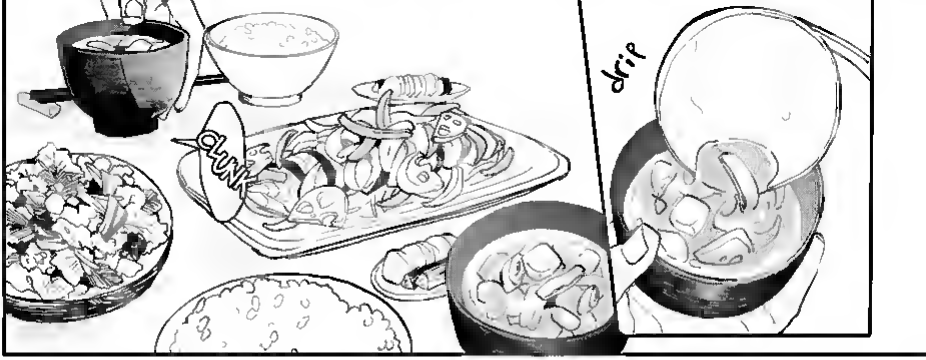
I will watch over this place just as my father and mother had done.
You can never have that dream.

But within that fear,
There was also relief.

DAD.
I never had the chance to tell him.

Oh how I wish
this unpleasant feeling in my chest will disappear with him
scritch
I wished for this...

rattle
steam
rattle
chop
steam
open
chop
flip


drip
CLUNK

I MIGHT BE HOME LATE TODAY.

DID SOMETHING COME UP?
IT'S... COMPLICATED.
ANYWAY, I'LL DO WHAT I CAN. THANKS, MAKO-SAN, IT WAS GOOD.
CLATTER
OH YEAH!
THE FLAVOURING OF THE STEW--
I MARINATED IT.
YEAH, THAT
YOU WERE TRYING SOMETHING NEW, RIGHT?
THE SWEET POTATO AND LOTUS ROOT IN THE STEW WAS AWESOME! VERY JAPANESE!
THANKS.
...
Okay, I'm taking off! See you later, Mako-san!
SEE YOU.
STEP
STEP
STEP

WONDERFUL!
IT HAS THIS MILD TANG TO IT THAT'S JUST... IT'S DELICIOUS.
WHAT DID YOU THINK?
YEAH.
PEOPLE ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH. THEY CAN'T WAIT TO TRY YOUR NEXT CREATION.
PLEASE. YOU THINK TOO HIGHLY OF ME.
I'D LOVE TO HAVE THIS.
Oh.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

NOW YOU'RE JUST GOING OVER-BOARD.
HAHA.
I CAN'T HELP IT. I'M JUST LIKE THEM.
OH RIGHT.
WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO PAY YOU A VISIT NEXT WEEK?

I LOOK FORWARD TO IT THEN.
SURE.
There is something inside him too.

clack
THANKS AGAIN. IT WAS GOOD.
YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.
AND HOW IS KOUTA DOING?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM MUCH SINCE I STOPPED COMING AROUND AT NIGHT.
UH... DOING VERY WELL. KOUTA, I MEAN.
GLAD TO HEAR IT.
Don't you think he's warmed up to me lately?
I think I'll try asking him out for a drink next time
DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF.
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ANYTHING TROUBLING YOU RECENTLY? DON'T HOLD BACK ON MY ACCOUNT.

Troubling
me?
click
clack
click
ding
BEEP
THAT GUY...
whiiiiiiiiiirr
...

HE COMES HERE LIKE IT'S HIS PLACE,
GREETING ME WHEN-EVER HE BARGES IN.
IT'S COMP CAT
HE'S BEEN ACTING STRANGE SINCE THEN.
DID SOME-THING COME UP?
WE'VE SORT OF SETTLED INTO THIS ROUTINE,
EVEN THOUGH HE HAS A PLACE OF HIS OWN.
A PLACE IM-PORTANT TO HIM

AND
IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, THEN, MOST LIKELY...
IF I START THINKING THOSE THOUGHTS, HE'D PROBABLY GET MAD AGAIN.
...
CLINK
...AH...
...HAH.
CLATTER
BUT...
NOW I SOUND SPOILED.

HEY.
A LIGHT?
HE USUALLY COMES BACK AROUND THIS TIME.
I'M SURE.
WHUMP
KOU-...
SERI-OUSLY. WHAT AM I DOING?

pant
pant
...
...
KOLITA?
ARF!
pant
pant

OH...
ROWR
ROWR
...YOU.
...YEAH.

HOSPITAL-IZED?
MY CO-WORKER WAS HO-SPITALIZED FOR TO-NSILLITIS
AND NO ONE COULD TAKE IN THIS LITTLE GUY SO...
I KNOW I COULD'VE VISITED THE GUY'S PLACE, BUT, Y'KNOW, I WAS STILL WORRIED.
Ahahaha.
YEAH.
SO YOU THOUGHT SINCE YOU HAD THE SPACE, YOU'D JUST KEEP HIM HERE?
AND THAT WAS THE REASON YOU HAD BEEN COMING HERE INSTEAD OF MY PLACE?
YEAH.
YEAH.
...

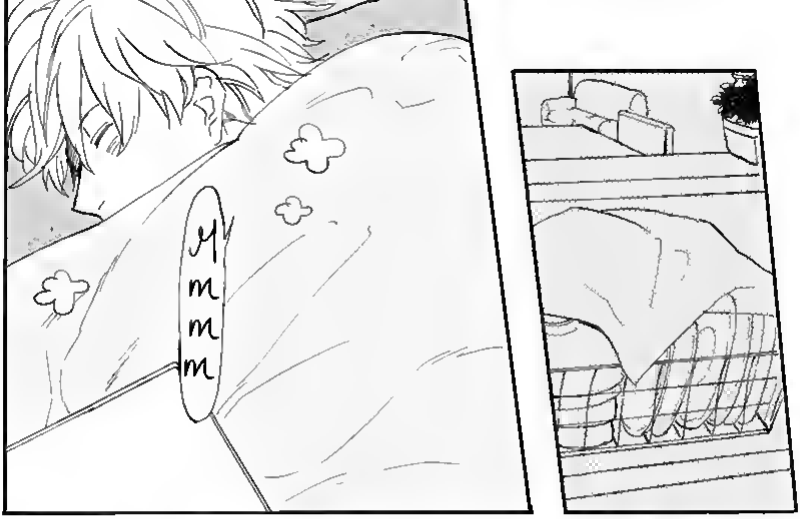
I DON'T NEED AN EXCUSE.
AND I'LL SWING BY THE SHOP NOW AND THEN.
I-I'M TAKING GOOD CARE OF HIM, OKAY? NO TROUBLE OR ANYTHING.
THIS IS SO LIKE YOU.
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
SYAKE.
...OH.
OKAY ..
woof
SO .. YEAH.
I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO COME BY AS MUCH FOR A WHILE...

YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT?
HE NEEDS A BATH.
YEAH.
IF YOU CAN'T COME BY THE SHOP,
THEN TRY TO MAKE IT HOME.
I MAKE TOO MUCH FOOD ANYWAY.

JUST SO YOU KNOW, I CAN COOK FOR MYSELF.

BUT THESE PAST COUPLE DAYS,
I'VE BEEN SO HUNGRY IT HURTS.

THOUGHT SO.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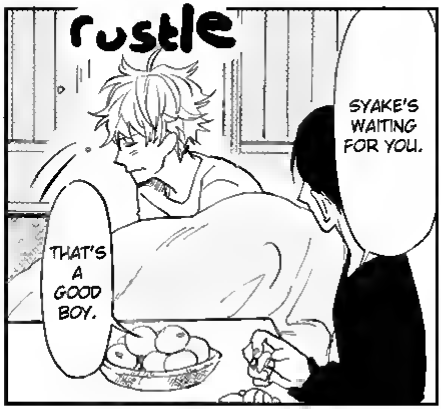

rustle
SYAKE'S WAITING FOR YOU.
THAT'S A GOOD BOY.

Hmngh
DON'T SLEEP THERE.

YEAH, FIG-URES.
JUST A SIMPLE ONE.
I MADE IT.
WAS THAT ALWAYS THERE?
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THAT DOG-HOUSE?

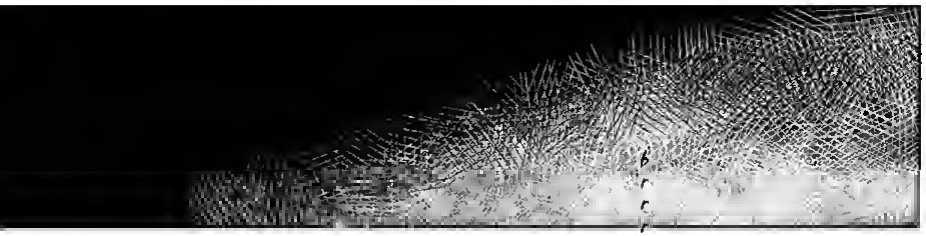
HE'S REALLY, REALLY CUTE, Y'KNOW. SO CUTE THAT I JUST WANT TO KEEP HIM ALL TO MYSELF.
OH?
YOU DON'T LIKE ANIMALS?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. I'M JUST... I'M IN-DIFFER-ENT
Then I'd really love for you to play with Syake!
I'M GOOD.
AND WHY?
DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT FAIR THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE FAWNING OVER HIM.
UH.
HOW ABOUT WE TAKE HIM OUT ON A WALK ONE DAY?
A WALK?
I'D LIKE TO TAKE A WALK ALONG THE RIVERBANK. IT'S BEEN AGES.

REALLY? AGES?
I STILL REMEMBER, OKAY?
BACK WHEN YOU WERE A LITTLE KID
C'MON. IT'LL BE FUN
WITH TWO ADULTS, HUH.
AND SYAKE! IT'LL BE FINE.
OKAY?
grin
brr
you smiled
I'LL TRY.

flip
GUESS I SHOULD HEAD OUT.
brrrrrrr
beep
THEY HUNG UP.
beep
YOU'RE COMING HERE TOMORROW MORNING, RIGHT?
click

YOU'RE NOT GONNA CALL THEM BACK?
NOT REALLY.
MAYBE LATER.
GOOD NIGHT!
WELL, SYAKE'S WAITING FOR ME SO I'M GONNA GET GOING.
sigh

...REALLY NOW. WOULD IT KILL HIM TO LISTEN?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The tale of a young restaurateur and a dog-like contractor

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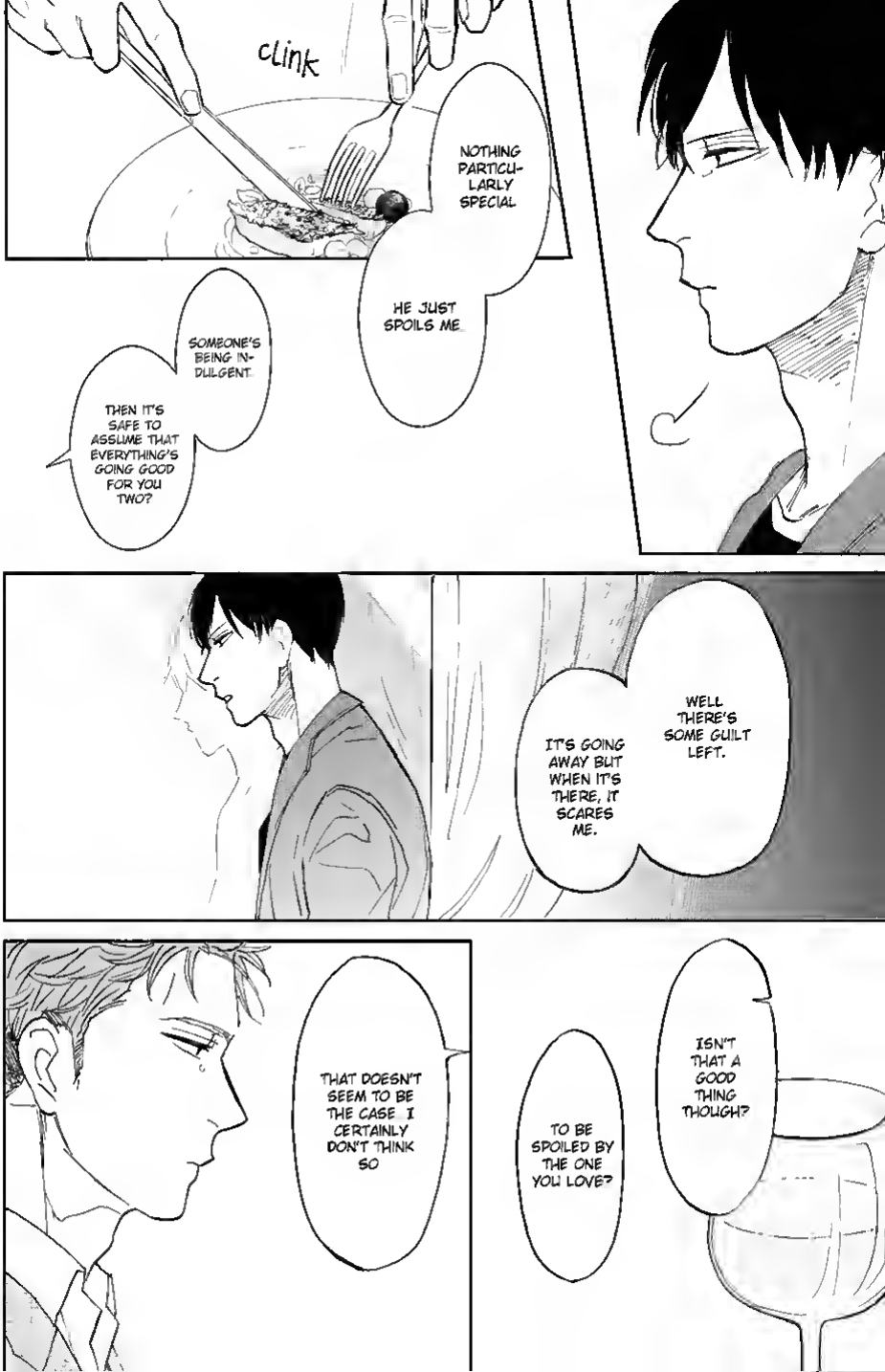
Aioi Musubi Zoku, Final Chapter

WHATEVER. I'M IN NO MOOD TO GO DOWN THAT RABBIT HOLE.
THEN AGAIN YOU WERE THE ONE WHO BROKE IT OFF SO .
TALK ABOUT COLD. AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WOULD REJOICE IN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY ME BACK FOR LAST TIME.
chuuuuh
clink
HEY! LONG TIME NO SEE! HOW'S IT GOING?
UGH YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED ONE BIT.
You're not drinking?
C'MON
HEAD
MAKOTO-KUN?
... I'M SORRY.

THE FOOD HERE'S GREAT, BY THE WAY
ALL IN THE PAST.
WHICH REMINDS ME, IS IT OKAY FOR YOU TO BE EATING OUT HERE? WHAT ABOUT YOUR SHOP?
IT'S USUALLY CLOSED AROUND THIS TIME.
OH YEAH?
OH, C'MON DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK.
YOU KNEW I WAS GOING TO GO THERE.
SHUT UP. AND HE'S NOT MY BROTHER.
IT'S THE SAME THING.
AND WHAT ABOUT THAT LITTLE BROTHER OF YOURS? HOW'S HE DOING?
DON'T EXPECT ME TO PULL BACK ON THE PUNCHES WITH YOU.


clink
NOTHING PARTICULARLY SPECIAL
HE JUST SPOILS ME
SOMEONE'S BEING INDULGENT
THEN IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME THAT EVERYTHING'S GOING GOOD FOR YOU TWO?
WELL THERE'S SOME GUILT LEFT.
IT'S GOING AWAY BUT WHEN IT'S THERE, IT SCARES ME.
THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE CASE. I CERTAINLY DON'T THINK SO
TO BE SPOILED BY THE ONE YOU LOVE?
ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING THOUGH?

IF YOU DO FEEL LIKE THAT, THEN ..
I WOULDN'T CALL WHAT YOU TWO HAVE "LOVE."
THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU.
AFFECTION IS THERE,
BUT THEN THERE'S THE AWKWARD CO-DEPENDENCY AND POSSES-SIVENESS.
I AGREE.

BESIDES, EVEN WITH ALL YOUR WORRIES, YOU LOOK BETTER OFF THAN BEFORE.
YOUR FACE JUST SCREAMS HAPPI-NESS.
..THANKS.
WELL.. NOT THAT THERE IS MUCH DIF-FERENCE BE-TWEEN THE TWO, IN MY OPINION.
I WAS BORN WITH THIS FACE.
THEN MY BAD.
AMIRITE, LITTLE MISS MOODY?
JUST ADMIT IT, YOU LIKE BEING SPOILED ROTTEN
clank
BUT I'VE MADE UP MY MIND
WHAT'S WITH THAT?
WE NEED TO HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO. A RES-OLUTION TO KEEP HOLD OF.
WE AREN'T KIDS ANY-MORE,

SOUNDS SCARY, INDEED...
OH...
THIS PIE ISN'T HALF BAD.
munch
BUT...
'THE ONES I MAKE ARE SO MUCH BETTER.'
RIGHT?
grin
You know me so well!

COME TO THINK OF IT,
HE'S BEEN CRAVING THE CAKE YOU MADE
OH, REALLY?
BUT... HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO MADE IT, RIGHT?
AND WHO WAS THE ONE WHO SAID NOT TO TELL?
GUILTY AS CHARGED.
BUT I'M FINE WITH IT, JUST YOU KNOWING, I MEAN
I'D LIKE TO HAVE IT AGAIN, TOO ...PLEASE
OUI, COMME VOUS VOULEZ.

DON'T BE STUPID.
RING ME UP WHENEVER YOU'RE IN THE MOOD FOR COMPANY.
GUESS THIS IS WHERE WE'LL PART.

YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT!
HEY, NOT MY FAULT, I'M A BUSY MAN.
IF I FEEL LIKE IT.
...STOP BY THE SHOP SOMETIMES.

CATCH YA AROUND.

step
Sigh
IF YOU DO FEEL LIKE THAT, THEN ...
I WOULDN'T CALL WHAT YOU TWO HAVE "LOVE"
BUT THEN THERE'S THE AWKWARD CO-DEPENDENCY AND POSSESSIVENESS
I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT.
So...

THANKS
HEY!
Welcome back!
I THOUGHT IT'D BE GOOD TO STUDY A LITTLE... BUT LISTEN TO THIS!
The Way Into a Dog's Heart
REFER-ENCE..
T-THIS IS JUST FOR REFER-ENCE!!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
AND AND AND HE'S JUST SO FLUFFY!
Good
AND THEN, WHEN I TELL HIM TO SIT, HE HOLDS OUT HIS PAW!
please?
STEP STEP STEP
SYAKE, WHEN I CALL HIM OVER, HE WAGS HIS TAIL!
Very much in love.

I saw you.
YOU KNOW THAT THOUGH SINCE YOU WERE PETTING HIM ALL YESTERDAY.
IT WAS ...
A LITTLE...
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...
Jealous
KOUTA.
HM?
MM.

GRAB
I HAVE A LARGE-BREED RIGHT HERE.
...MAKO-SAN
UHH
!
A RABID ONE TOO,
IF I MAY ADD

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

BY THE WAY,
WHO WERE YOU OUT WITH TODAY?

STILL... ALIGH!

FLOP
THOUGHT SO.
... NOT REALLY.
JUST FOR TODAY!

hold
NN.
...MÁ-
FALLS OVER
MAKO-SAN!
grin
JUST FOR TODAY,
HUH
YOU (HEAT!
GASP
OF COURSE.
UUUUUU!
COME. LET'S GO PREP FOR TOMOR-ROW.

clunk
DO YOU THINK YOSHIMI-SAN WOULD BE HAPPY FOR US?
YEAH
GOOD THING THE WEATHER IS CLEAR TODAY

... I THINK HE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY,
TO KNOW THAT WE'RE VISITING HIM TOGETHER.
WELL PUT.
志田家

The lingering sense of guilt may never go away,
regard-less...
HUG
LET'S GO HOME

HE WAS JUST A NEIGH-BOURHOOD BOY THEN
THE KID NEXT DOOR
ALMOST LIKE...
MAKO-SAN!

... a brother to me.
No matter what became of us.
Mako-san!!
NOT ONCE HAVE I REGRET TAKING THAT HAND THAT REACHED FOR MINE.
Look, look!
Bog rhubarb!!

fidget
I could eat a whole sack of rice with just BOG rhubarb.
REALLY AND YOU COULDN'T STAND THE THINGS BEFORE
DON'T PICK THE ONES GROWING FROM THE RIVERBANK THOUGH
LET'S ASK OKUDA-SAN ON THE WAY BACK AND SEE IF HE'LL LET US INTO THE MOUNTAINSIDE TO PICK SOME
YOU'RE MAKING MY STOMACH GROWL!
MAYBE MISO OR SOME OTHER SIDE DISHES
WE COULD MAKE SOME TEMPURA WITH THAT
All right, Syake, let's go—OOF!
HAHA, THAT'S BECAUSE I'M AN ADULT NOW!
caught

LICK
LICK
LICK
LICK
Wa-
Hey!
Pet
WOOF!
WHAT A RELIABLE MAN, DON'T YOU AGREE, SYAKE?
OWW
MAKO-SAN.
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE HAVE TO PART WAYS WITH YOU, MY FRIEND
AND I AL-READY HAVE MY HANDS FULL WITH YOU.

BESIDES YOU AND I HAVE PLENTY OF TIME
LET'S SETTLE DOWN FIRST, AND THEN WE CAN DISCUSS ABOUT ADDING ONE MORE TO OUR FAMILY
SETTLE DOWN?
WHAT, RECONSIDERING?
smiling
heh
heh
heh
Huh, no, no! I think that's a great proposal you made there, Mako-san!
KEEP SAYING THAT
!
AND YOU JUST SAID YOU WERE AN ADULT, TOO...
AFRAID YOU'D GET LOST?
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT
HEY, ADULTS CAN GET LOST TOO!
ferritch
ferritch
...MAKO-SAN,
MY LEFT HAND IS FREE TO... Y'KNOW...

grin
RIGHT?
YOU BETTER NOT TRY ANY-THING.
Yess'r
Okay!
LET'S RUN BACK. DIN-NER'S A-WAITIN'!

WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK, MAKO-SAN?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
crunch
smile
IT WAS WONDERFUL!
End

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ありいめめこ
［ひとりじめマイヒーロー］

表題カラー
ロッキー
［きみが終着駅］

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［放課後エッジ］

春宮カラ
［おこまボックス］

古渡渚
［野良のすべて］

表題カラー
小野アン
［いくらいい人］

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MUSUBI

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...MAKOTO-KUN?
Somehow,
I had a feeling that that guy wasn't really seeing him

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Syaku
重版出来!!
gtc[相生結び]
IN STORE NOW

Fujino Akira. 32 years of age.
Occupation: pastry chef.
Just another night I will be spending all on my own.
GUESS -- I'LL DROWN MY SORROWS TONIGHT
The bitter-sweet past two men shared
相生結び・続

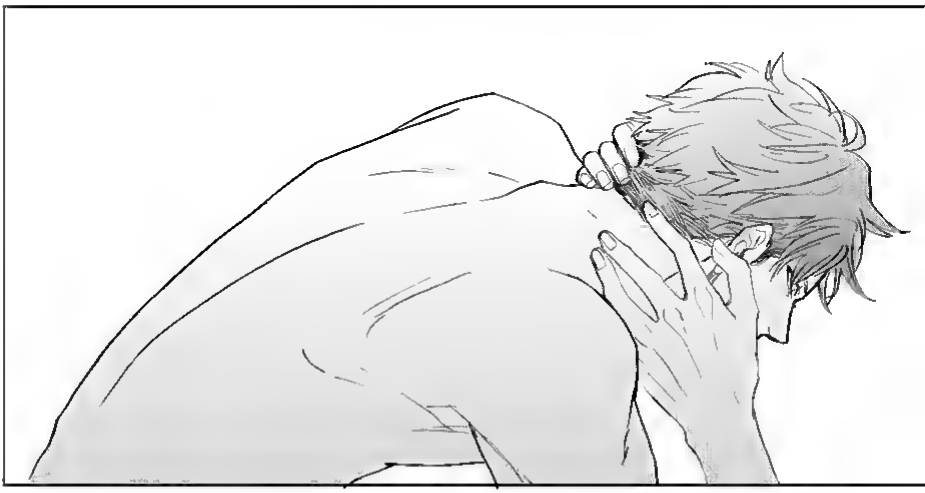
HEEY! AKIRA! HOW'VE YOU BEEN, MAN?
LONG TIME!
HUH. WHERE'S YOUR BETTER HALF?
UHHH, LONG GONE, I SUPPOSE
WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED
HEY, I'M BETTER OFF LIKE THIS, OKAY?
!
SAY--

GOTTA SAY, DIDN'T EXPECT YOU'D BE BATTING FOR THE OTHER TEAM!
...!
YOU'RE THE GUY THAT ALL THE GIRLS CAN'T SHUT UP ABOUT?
THE HOTTIE FROM THE CULINARY DEPARTMENT.
DON'T BE SHY. THEN AGAIN, YOU AREN'T EXACTLY MY TYPE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
AND HERE I WAS WONDERING WHAT KIND OF WEIRDO WOULD BE APPROACHING ME TONIGHT.
YES ...
IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU AREN'T INTO THE LADIES. IF YOU WERE, YOU'D HAVE ALL THE ATTENTION YOU COULD EVER WANT.

HE REALLY ISN'T MY TYPE, BUT...
TOO BAD I'M NOT INTER-ESTED.
SO...
HOW ABOUT ME?

HEY,
HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE?
YOU HAVE TO ASK?
SORRY, DID I HURT YOUR FEELINGS?
YOU LOOK LIKE AN ASSHOLE.
THAT'S CRUEL, DON'T YOU THINK?
pull
!
OH YEAH? WELL YOU'VE AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET
AT FIRST, IT WAS JUST CURIOSITY
..I CAN'T WAIT.

THIS IS WAY BETTER THAN I WOULD'VE GUESSED
Ha-
Ha
Nngh-
SHIT,
I COULD GET USED TO THIS.
Ahh
But,



What is behind this feeling of unease I have?

YOU'RE IN CULINARY RIGHT, SHIDA?
JAPA-NESE CUISINE, OR WEST-ERN?
JAPA-NESE
OH YEAH? YEAH, GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE
WHAT MAKES SENSE?
YOU DON'T EXACTLY BLEND IN WITH THAT BEARD.
AND YOU'RE IN PATISSE-RIE?
HUH?
So you came knowing who I was, huh? I'm flat-tered.
Well, kinda.
AND I HAVE A NAME, Y'KNOW. CALL ME FUJINO.
IT'S FUJINO AKIRA
HEY, SHIDA-SAN, YOU LOOK KINDA OUT OF IT...
FUJI-NO,
HM-MM.
YEAH...

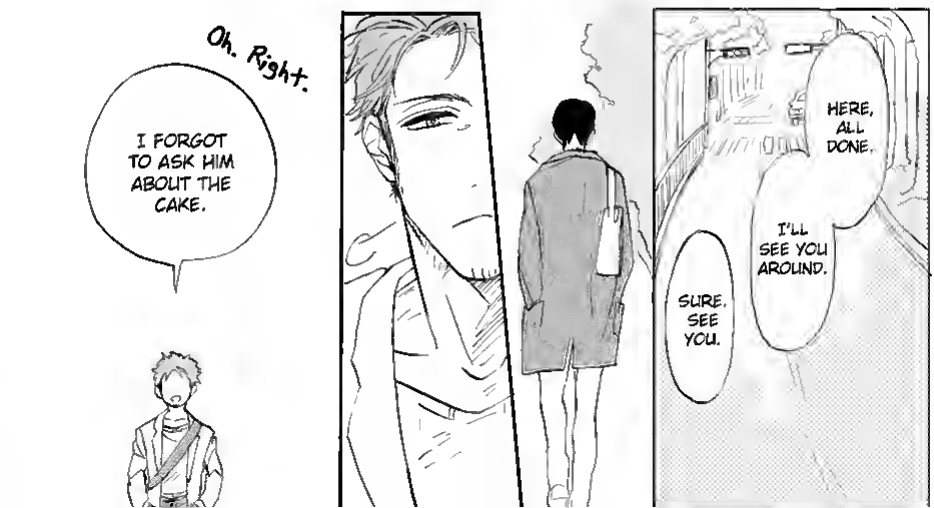
...
YEAH, I MAKE THEM ONCE IN A WHILE.
THEN
CAKE
YOU'RE GONNA BE A PASTRY CHEF?
YOU GOT IT
STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE.
BERRY
HM?
SURPRISINGLY DEFENSELESS.
SMOKE
HE'S
Knocked out
...HUH?

YO.
SHIIIDAAA-KUUUUUN.
...
LIKE THAT LOOK'S GONNA SCARE ME OFF.
walk quickly
THAT WASN'T VERY NICE OF YOU TO LEAVE LIKE THAT WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING!
AND I SHOULD BE NICE TO YOU—WHY?
IT'S BASIC COURTESY.
...
ARE YOU OUT?
IN SCHOOL?
NAH, NOT WORTH THE TROUBLE. BESIDES, I'M INTO GIRLS TOO.
. . SO YOU SWING BOTH WAYS
OH, DID I FORGET TO MENTION THAT?
YES, YOU DID.

I HAVE OTHER PLANS
OH, I SEE. HEH.
I DON'T HAVE ANYONE LIKE THAT.
OH, HAVE ANOTHER DATE LINED UP?
NO.
ANYWAY— YOU FREE TONIGHT?
YOU SURE THAT'S THE ONLY PAIN HERE?
IT'S A PAIN TO CENSOR MYSELF
YOU NEED TO WASH YOUR MOUTH WITH SOAP.
NOT GONNA ASK WHY I GO FOR ASS AND NOT JUST PUSSY?
THEN HOW ABOUT I GET YOUR NUMBER?
. .WHEN HE GIVES IN LIKE THAT.
MAKES IT A LITTLE HARD TO TEASE HIM. . .
HERE. ADD IT IN YOUR-SELF.
HUH, HE'S PRETTY EASY-GOING.

CHICK
WAIT, HE JUST SAID THAT HE ISN'T ATTACHED TO ANYONE ..
HUH?
WELL. NOT LIKE I'M ANY DIFFERENT.
Pi-
Pi-

THEN WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT BACK THEN—THAT UNEASINESS?


Oh. Right.
I FORGOT TO ASK HIM ABOUT THE CAKE.
HERE, ALL DONE.
I'LL SEE YOU AROUND.
SURE. SEE YOU.

And the crowd goes wild!
It's the 7th inning and Kii notices the mound rendsun the pitch and
chop chop chop
creak
THIS MUST BE WHAT IT'S LIKE
chop
chop
open
Fried Eggplant
Pickled Cucumber
THANKS FOR THE FOOD.
WELL, NOT LIKE I REALLY WANTED IT...
TO HAVE A WIFE AND SETTLE DOWN
DON'T TELL ME THAT AFTER I'VE MADE DINNER, IDIOT
BUT, MACKEREL
AH MAN, AND HERE I WANTED MACKEREL

...that this guy had his eye on some-one else.
By this time I was pretty certain,
WE DON'T CLICK—AT ALL.
OUR RELATION-SHIP IS KIND OF LIKE INDIGES-TION...
—NO.
MISO'S BETTER
I WANT YOUR MACK-EREL SALT-ED—FOR NEXT TIME I MEAN
HEY.
I GUESS I GOTTA

...HEY.
FOU
SHOP'S CLOSED FOR TOMORROW.
OH, OKAY MAKES SENSE
BUT DIDN'T YOU USUALLY GO BACK, EVEN WHEN IT WAS CLOSED?
OH?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO BACK TONIGHT?
"MAYBE," HUH .
GO AHEAD
LEND ME YOUR BATH.
MAYBE
YOU STILL THINKING 'BOUT TAKING OVER THE SHOP?
BUT THERE'S GOTTA BE A BETTER WAY FOR HIM THAN WHATEVER THIS IS
FOR WHATEVER REASONS
I MEAN, THERE'RE SIDES OF US WE NEVER WANT ANYONE TO SEE
LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S GOT THEIR OWN PROBLEMS

HE AIN'T COPING WELL WITH THIS. NOT ONE BIT
HEY
step
ALL DONE FOR THE DAY?
MAN, I REGRET NOT TRYING YOUR DAD'S FOOD
KEEP RE-GRETTING, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT HE'S GONE

I WONDER IF...
WELL, WEREN'T YOU ALREADY PREPARED FOR THE WORST?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HAVE TO...
...FEEL SO GUILTY ABOUT IT.
...I'M STILL THINKING
It's okay for me to ask him about it
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO NOW?
...TRUE ENOUGH.
...YOU DON'T HOLD BACK, DO YOU
I ONLY TELL SWEET TRUTHS
IT'D SUCK IF YOU ENDED UP JINXING YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU KEPT OVERTHINKING IT.
YOU SHOULD JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

It's probably all thanks to him.
AND HERE I THOUGHT HE'D BE MORE GRIEVOUS ABOUT HIS DAD
SEEING AS HOW MUCH HE CARED ABOUT THE GUY
WELL IN THE END
WHAT-EVER YOU END UP CHOOSING SHOULD BE BECAUSE OF YOU FOR YOU
FOR ME
THE SAME GOES FOR ME
CAKE
I WANT TO EAT IT.
I WANT TO EAT THE CAKES YOU MAKE.

SO, WHERE'S MY THANK YOU?
THANK YOU
YOU'RE WELCOME
WHY AN ENTIRE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE?
HUH?
NOTHING
YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER, DO YOU
WELL, I DID ASK FOR CAKE BUT...
bite
IT'S GOOD.
YEAH?
YEAH.
YOU LIKE CAKES?
THEY'RE OKAY
WHADDYA MEAN 'OKAY'...

I PREFER TARTS ACTUALLY.
YOU SURE GOT SOME BALLS TO SAY THAT TO ME, THE GUY WHO BAKED THIS ENTIRE CAKE FOR YOUR SAKE
Ah, come to think of it
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE TRIED ANYTHING YOU MADE
YEAH...
YOU LIKE THOSE?
FINE. THEN WHAT ABOUT STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE?
HM?
I SHOULD'VE ASKED YOU EARLIER.
THIS IS REALLY GOOD.

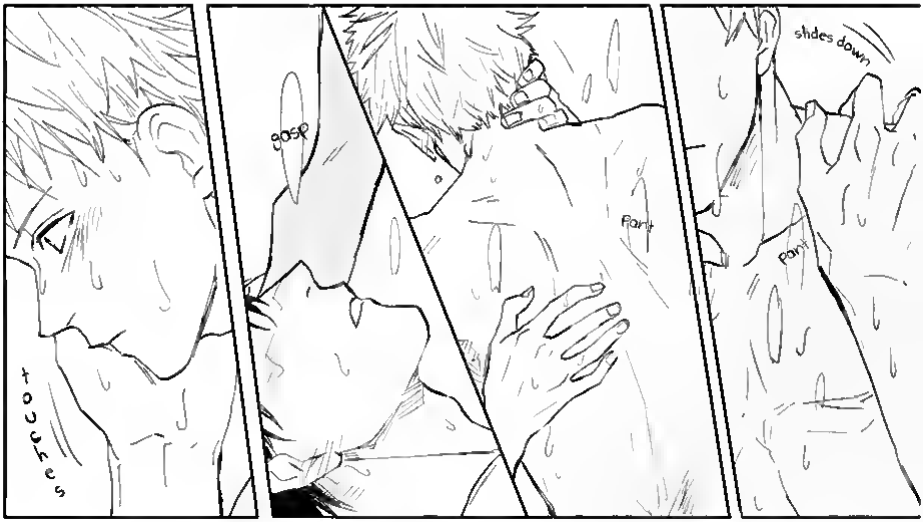
DAMN STRAIGHT.
MY CAKES WILL BE WAY BETTER WHEN I'M BACK
I'LL MAKE THEM SO GODLY THAT YOU WILL REGRET EVER SAYING YOU PREFER TARTS OVER THEM.
I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT
I'LL BE FLYING OUT IN THE COMING SPRINGTIME,
AND MY FELLOWSHIP WILL SPAN A FEW YEARS
I SEE
YOU'LL HAVE ONE, TOO, RIGHT?
YEAH
?
GOTTA SAY, YOU CAN BE PRETTY MEAN
WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?
DROP BY THE SHOP SOME-TIME
YEAH MAYBE WE'LL SEE

I'M SURE HE'D LIKE IT.
TAKE IT HOME
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FINISH IT.
ANYWAY, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THE REST OF THIS?
UH...
CHOKE
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
BITE
CHOMP CHOMP
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
FEELING SICK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

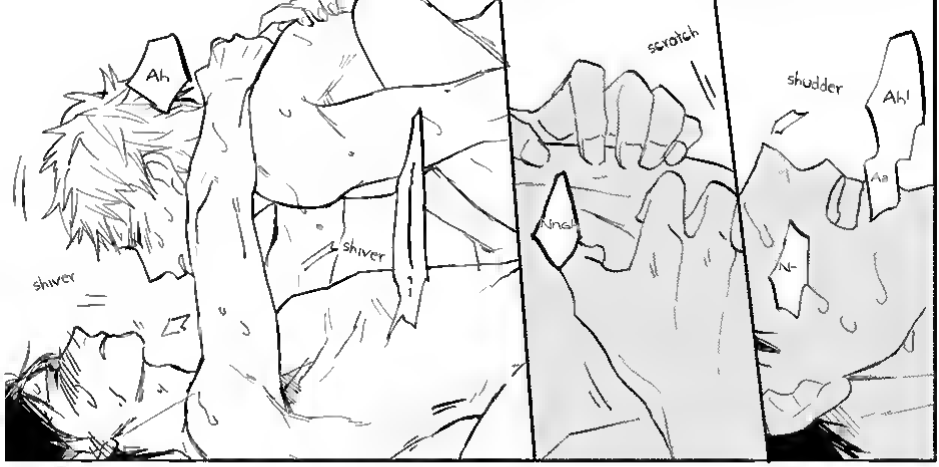
YOU MADE THIS FOR ME SO I'M GOING TO FINISH IT.
If,
I still have a chance with him the next time we meet
YOU LITTLE PIG.
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR "GODLY" CAKES.

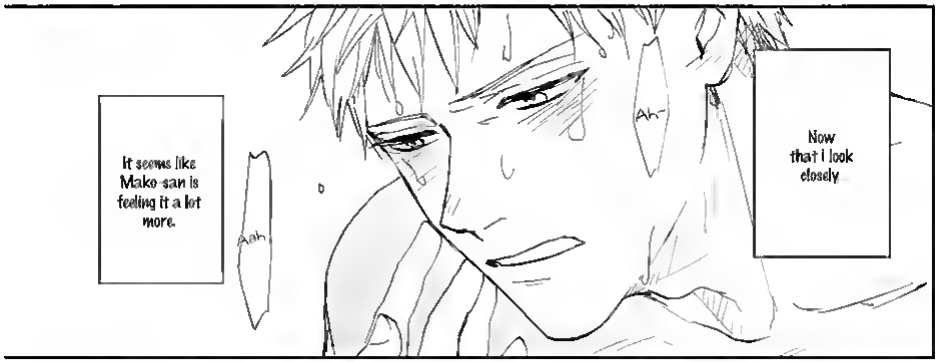
To be continued···

shudder
Nn
HOLDS
!
SLIDE
PULL
Haa
!
RUFFLE
RUFFLE
Ah


sniff
gasp
pant
slides down
pant

PUSH
Aa-
MAKO-SAN


Ah
shiver
shiver
scratch
shudder
Ah!
Ah-


It seems like Mako-san is feeling it a lot more.
Aah
Ah-
Now that I look closely

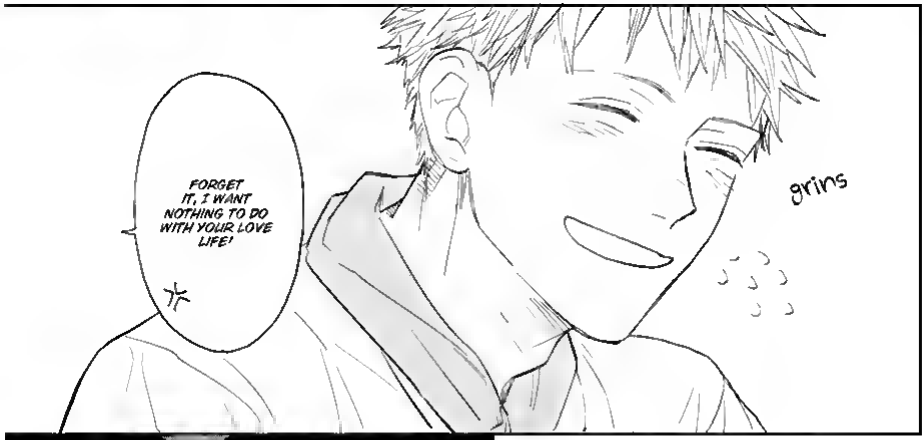
灼
Syaku
A side of him I never knew
pant
The approaching warmth, the fumbling hearts
相生結び・結
重版出来
gtc「相生結び」
IN STORE NOW!!

If I had to name what had changed from then...

glance
YOU HAVE A MEETING TODAY?
YEAH WITH ARIMASA-SAN
I'LL BE LATE SO DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME
OKAY
If I had to name it ..
YOU'RE DONE?
CLUNK
—has been acting a little strange recently
It's that Mako-san .
...I'LL SAVE IT FOR LUNCH

HEY KOUTA!
Hahaha~
BUSY WITH WORK TODAY SO IT'S FINE
NO PLANS WITH THE GIRLFRIEND TONIGHT?
WHAT'S THIS?
WE'RE HITTING THE BARS TONIGHT! YOU COMING?
Courtesy of good ol Shunpei here!
SERIOUSLY? YOU BET YOUR ASS I'M COMING!
C'mon, don't be shy now. Think of it as a thank-you gift for taking care of Syake.
THANK YOU GIFT OR PAYBACK?
rests
Aw don't sweat it. You can tell your Bro here about it.
TROUBLE IN PARADISE?
A BREAKUP ON THE HORIZON?
YOU REALLY DON'T MINCE WORDS.

HEY,
HMM?
IT REALLY MADE ME WANT TO GET MY OWN DOG
NOT TO MENTION,
Bet you fell in love with my boy already!
Uh-
That goes without saying
HE'S ADORABLE AIN'T HE?
YOU BET HE IS!


FORGET IT, I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR LOVE LIFE!
grins

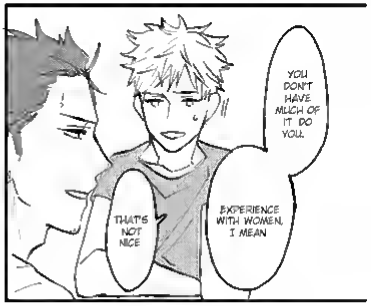
Is this boy okay...
WHAT NOW?
THEN AGAIN,
YOU LITTLE PERV
Hueheuheue~

THAT'S IT!!
I DUNNO WHEN I CUT MY HAIR MAYBE?
IT'S THE HAIR. SHE HATES THE HAIR.
UH.

CHATTER
WHEN DID IT START?
NOT WEIRD, BUT MORE LIKE NOT LIKE USUAL? LIKE SPACING OUT MORE THAN NORMAL
I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT I DID SOMETHING TO CAUSE THIS
CHATTER
CHATTER

YOUR GIRL'S BEEN ACTING WEIRD?

WELL FROM WHAT I CAN TELL YOU PUT YOUR GIRL FRONT AND CENTRE
BUT SHE'S STILL INSECURE? IF THAT'S IT, THEN PROBABLY
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING...
WELL.


YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH OF IT, DO YOU.
EXPERIENCE WITH WOMEN, I MEAN
THAT'S NOT NICE

I MEAN, THIS WHOLE THING AFFECTS ME TOO, BUT
NAH, I'M NOT GOING TO BACK DOWN I WON'T SHY AWAY

straight forward
IT'S MORE LIKE SELF-CONFIDENCE NOT A WHOLE LOT OF IT THERE
WHAT THE HELL? THAT SUCKS!
Again, you're not being very nice.

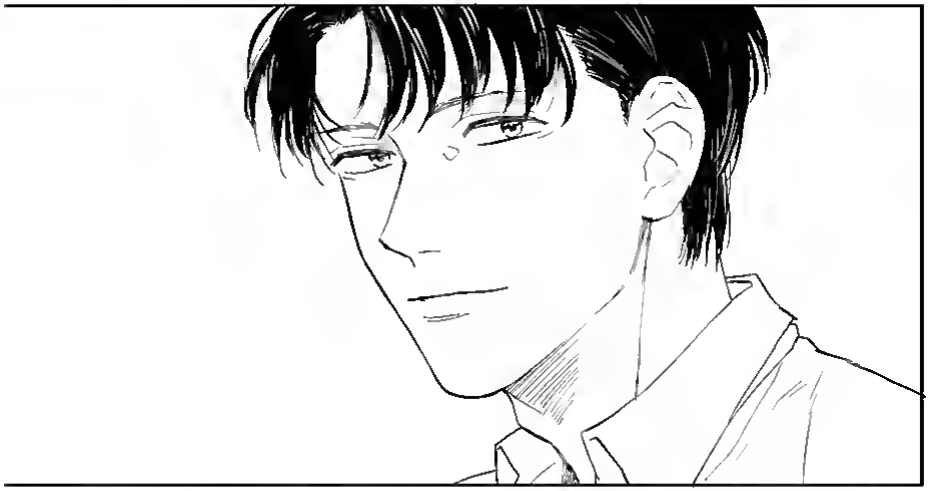
HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THERE MIGHT BE SOMEONE ELSE IN THE PICTURE? LIKE AN OLD FLAME?
...YOU
Then again,
I SAY THAT BUT IT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE, HAHA!!
SMACK
I TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH
AH
THAT'S
HEY MISS! TWO MORE BEERS HERE!
WE'RE NOT BREAK-ING UP!!!
Right away
I'll comfort you tonight!

I'M MORE CONSCIOUS OF IT NOW THAT WE'RE TOGETHER BUT
THERE'S JUST SO MANY THING I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HIM THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND
I MEAN CAN YOU BLAME ME IN FEELING THIS ANXIOUS AND INSECURE?
Guess senpai has a soft side to him...
PHEW
I never did get to ask him...
...why he let me stay by his side.
Does Makoto-san feel the same?
I'M HOME...
WELCOME BACK
OPEN
I WANT TO KNOW
MORE
OR AM I JUST WORRIED ABOUT HOW OUR RELATIONSHIP HASN'T REALLY CHANGED FROM BEFORE?
AM I JUST NOT SATISFIED WITH THE STATUS QUO?

ARIMASA-SAN?
UHM.
HOW ARE YOU?
WHA...?

swish
DON'T APOLOGIZE IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT STOPPING HIM SOONER HE WAS LIKE A FISH
SORRY YOU HAD TO DEAL WITH THAT
CLINK
YOU EVEN BROUGHT HIM HOME
CLOSE
HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO SHOW THIS SIDE OF HIM TO OTHERS
IT'S HONESTLY THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM PASS OUT FROM DRINKING
AH IS THAT RIGHT
YOU GUYS HAD A MEETING TODAY RIGHT?
MORE LIKE A DRINKING PARTY

YOU HAVE THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE, LIKE YOU'RE THINKING THAT IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE I WAS WITH HIM THAT MAKOTO-KUN LET DOWN HIS GUARD



...I WASN'T THINKING THAT.
DON'T BE SHY. YOU'RE THE REASON BEHIND IT.
REASON? WHAT REASON?

YOU THINK TOO HIGHLY OF ME, HONESTLY I HAVE NO SUCH SUPERPOWER

HE'S LIKE THIS BECAUSE OF YOU
IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN
BUT FROM WHERE I STAND AS A THIRD PARTY I CAN TELL
NOT A WORD...
BUT I COULD TELL.
—DID MAKO-SAN SAY THAT?

PEOPLE'S FEELINGS ARE FILLED WITH UNCERTAINTIES
I THINK THAT'S VERY BOLD AND ADMIRABLE
EVEN SO, YOU TWO ARE ABLE TO OVERCOME THAT AND STAND ABOVE IT, RIGHT?
It's no use,
when this guy is around...
THINGS... AREN'T AS WONDERFUL AS YOU THINK...

CLUTCH
BUT...
WE WILL GET THROUGH IT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU PLAN TO DO,
OR WHAT IT IS THAT YOU SHOULD DO...

BUT
I TRUST
YOU.

HE'S LIKE
FAMILY TO ME,
TOO

THANK YOU FOR LOOKING OUT FOR HIM UNTIL NOW...
I AM GRATEFUL TOWARDS YOU...
BUT NOW— NOW HE HAS ME.
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...
EVEN IF WE WERE BOUND TOGETHER FOREVER, I WOULD STILL CARE FOR HIM.
I MAKE NO JOKE OF THIS

I WILL MAKE MAKO-SAN HAPPY.
COMPARED TO ME
...
You have no idea...
How important you are to him.
I UNDER-STAND
YOSHIMI-SAN
SEEMS LIKE I COULD NEVER FILL YOUR SHOES

I'LL LEAVE HIM TO YOU
LITTLE ADVICE IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER ASKING MAKOTO KUN DIRECTLY INSTEAD OF GOING AROUND HIM
OKAY
WELL MY WORK IS DONE HERE. THANKS FOR THE TEA
WE SHOULD GO OUT FOR A DRINK SOME TIME
SURPRISED
YES WE SHOULD
I REALIZE I'VE ONLY SHOWN YOU MY BAD SIDES
I'M EMBARRASSED TO REALIZE THIS NOW
BUT I KNOW I NEED TO CHANGE TO BETTER MYSELF
I HOPE YOU WOULDN'T MIND POINTING ME IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION WHEN THE TIME COMES
OF COURSE

I WAS SO NERVOUS
thudump
thudump
CLOSE
I NEED
TO CHANGE
release
clench
NOTHING CAN CHANGE UNTIL I PUT A STOP TO THESE THOUGHTS OF MINE
I GOTTA PULL MYSELF TOGETHER
breathe out
I SHOULD SLEEP

MAKO-SAN?
YEAH
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I'M FINE
OH MAKO-SAN, YOU'RE UP ALREADY?
ARE YOU REALLY-
-OKAY
SHOCK!
NO IT ISN'T-
THEN...
I'M SOBER ALREADY
Is it the alcohol!?!?!
W-W-What's wrong?!
QUIT STARING
STUPID
EH?

MAKO-SAN DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
WHA-
NO,
WHY
YOU'VE BEEN WEIRD LATELY
THAT'S...
BR
What are you-
FOR EVERY BUTTON I UN-FASTEN I GET AN EXTRA SIDE DISH FOR TO-MORROW'S BENTO
Where did you even learn that?!
Prepare yourself.
unbutton
CROQUETTE
!
unbutton
REMIX OST

TELL ME!
WHAT?!
FINE THEN TELL ME WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT ME INSTEAD.
Nn.
EGG
!
SQUISH
You.
This is so humiliating.
I'VE NEVER HEARD YOU SAY IT
I WANT TO KNOW WHY— WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ME?
THAT'S ALL?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "THAT'S ALL"?
WELL AREN'T YOU ADORABLE

MAKO-SAN... DO YOU REALLY SEE ME AS YOUR LOVER?
!
I FEEL LIKE YOU GIVE ME THE COLD SHOULDER MORE OFTEN THAN NOT...
THAT'S WHY, I FELT LIKE SOMETHING WEIRD WAS GOING ON WITH YOU
AND WONDERED IF YOUR FEELINGS FOR ME WERE WAVERING...
HEY, WHY WON'T YOU TELL ME?
IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING, WHO KNOWS WHAT I'LL DO TO YOU...
ぐちゅっ

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN WEIRD.
DON'T SAY THAT KIND OF THING.
flinch
ALL THIS STARTED EVER SINCE I GOT MY HAIR CUT, RIGHT?
HOW SO?
IT CAN'T BE

UM...
THAT'S
GO ON
UH
BECAUSE OF MY HAIR?
IT MADE ME REALIZE "OH, HE'S ALL GROWN UP NOW."
YOU'VE HAD THE SAME LOOK FOR SO LONG...
THEN YOU HAD TO GO CHANGE IT
IT'S AS IF YOU'RE A...
WHOLE NEW PERSON.
THE SCARS YOU GET FROM WORK
YOUR MATURED FACE AND ALL...

AND IT...STIRS SOMETHING UP WITHIN ME.
EVEN THOUGH I'VE SEEN YOU GROW UP,
ALL THESE YEARS
...MAKO-SAN.

W-wha?
MAKO-SAN YOU'VE NEVER REALLY SEEN ME IN A ROMANTIC LIGHT HAVE YOU?
THAT KIND OF HURTS EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONE WHO SAID IT
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU CALL "FALLING IN LOVE"?
NGH
BUT MAKO-SAN YOU ONLY SAW ME AS FAMILY RIGHT? A LITTLE BROTHER?
I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU EVER SINCE THAT TIME
What are you say-ing!
ISN'T THAT TRUE?

THERE WAS NO WAY... THAT I COULD LET GO OF THAT, YOU KNOW...
IT'S THE SAME FOR ME
...ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?
I WAS READY TO HIDE MY FEELINGS UNDER THE PRETENCE OF FAMILY.
...ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?

FOR THE ME THAT MAKO-SAN IS FALLING STUPIDLY IN LOVE WITH NOW.
AH BUT BE CAREFUL,
YOU MIGHT END UP SO OVERCOME BY THE THROES OF PASSION, Y'KNOW
QUIT IT WITH THE ADORABLE SCHTICK ALREADY

Oh, so you love this part of me, too, eh?
grin
YEAH
THAT PART OF YOU...
I LOVE IT SO MUCH THAT I'M GOING STUPID

End.

gateau

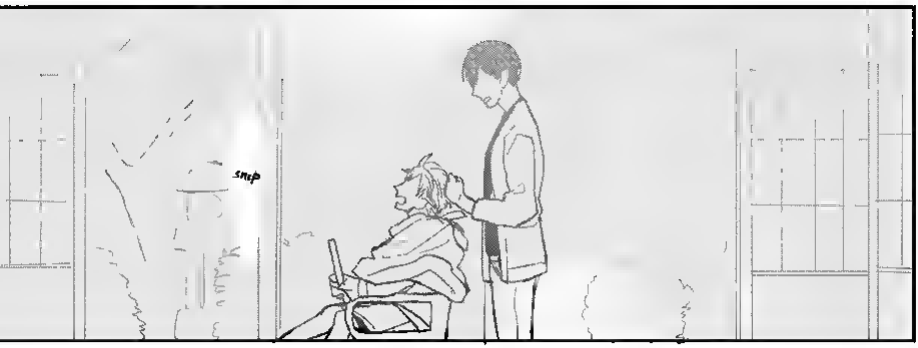
RATTLE
whoosh
IT'S GETTING COLDER BY THE DAY
MY SKIN IS GONNA GO DRY
HOW ABOUT SOME WARM HOTPOT WITH CHICKEN BROTH?
OOH, SURE!
Hotpot~♡
GOT IT.
FROM THE GUEST ROOM?
KOUTA, CAN YOU GO GET IT?
ALRIGHT
And Japanese sake, of course!
AioiMusubi Cont. Makanai
SCRAPE
!
UM...

NOTHING.
?
STARE
WHAT IS IT?
Mako-san doesn't talk much
ARE YOU FREE TOMORROW, KOUTA?
HUH? IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY
Or so it seems.
I GUESS.
I like that part of him, but..
IS SOMETHING UP?

Sometimes...
SNIP
CHIRP
CHIRP
TA DAH
Huh?
I wish he would actually say some things out loud...
YOUR HAIR'S GOTTEN LONG

LOOK DOWN
JUST THE NECK!
JUST CUT IT TO MY NECK!
Yeah, yeah
ALTHOUGH I AM A BIT HAPPY
HERE I GO.
GO AHEAD
badump
badump
shff
shff
SOMETIMES, STUFF LIKE THIS HAPPENS
I CAN'T SEE HIS FACE, BUT HE SEEMS REALLY INTO IT?
I didn't wanna eat it
snip
snip
snip
snip
AH
WHAT WAS IT?

Even before...
snip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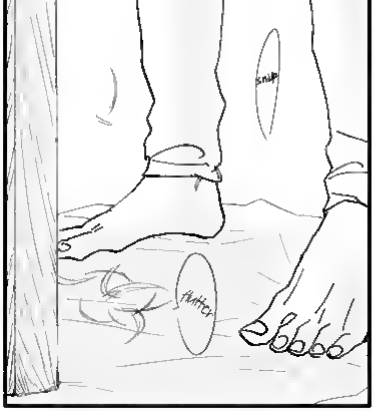
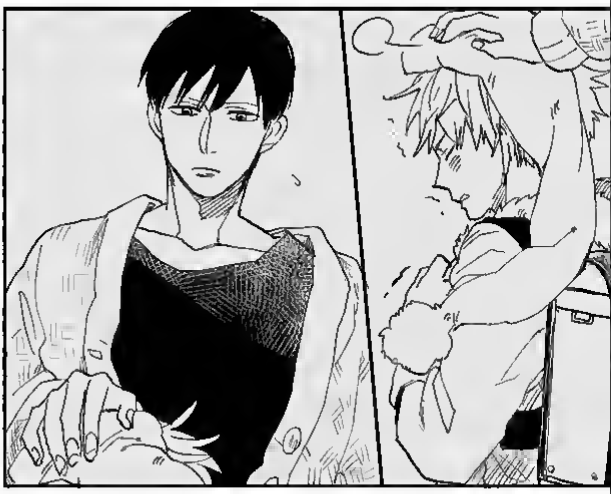
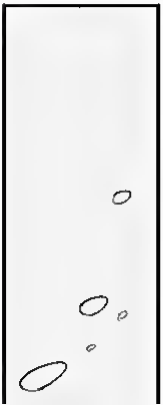

snip
flutter

IT WAS ALSO A COLD AUTUMN DAY BACK THEN
AND MY NECK FELT COLD AFTER MY HAIR WAS CUT





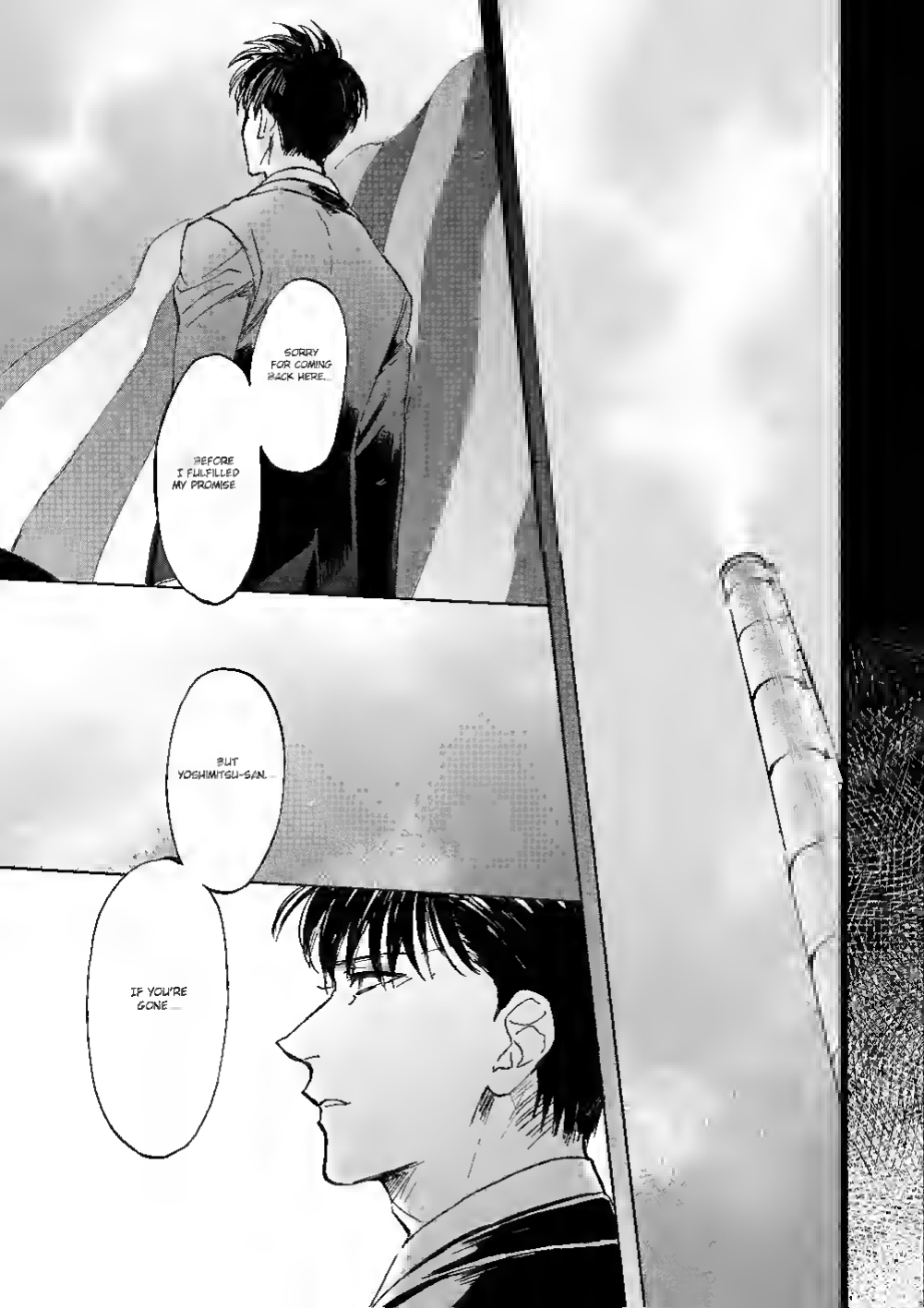
snip
snip
snip
MAKO-SAN, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE YOUR NEW YEAR'S BREAK?
HM? PROBABLY THE SAME TIME AS THE OTHER YEARS
THEN YOU'LL TAKE THINGS SLOW AT THE END OF THE YEAR,
AND THEN BEHOME AT THE BEGINNING?
THAT'S RIGHT
I'm looking forward to the New Year's food

SO EXCITED!
I'm looking forward to the rice cake this year!
Although some things ..
..are different from back then
We are still living happily with each other
Why don't we cut your bangs too?
HUH?!
End.

I DID SOMETHING UNNECESSARY.
sigh
shut
I tried to be a father figure.
Even though I was only acquainted with him.
For someone who doesn't even know anything,
I WONDER WHAT I WAS HOPING TO GET OUT OF...
...SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
BUT,
IF YOU DON'T DO IT, THEN.

Extra Evergreen

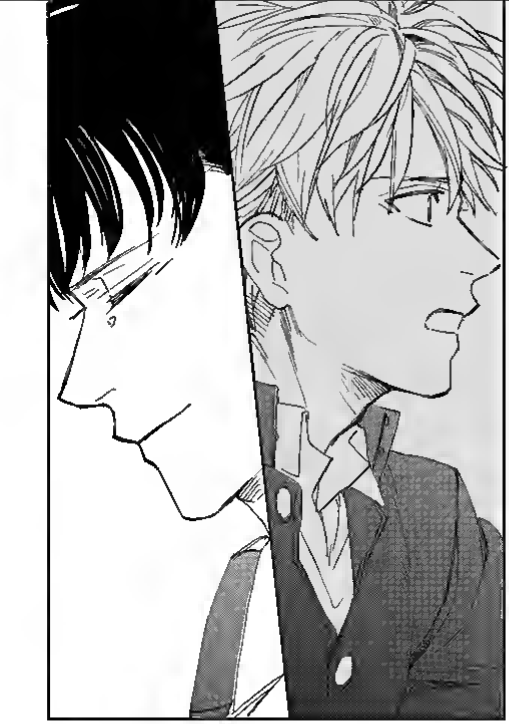
brrr
brrr
beep
HELLO?
MAKOTO-KUN? IT'S BEEN A WHILE
WHAT'S.
WHAT?
I remember he spoke with a soft voice,
but it resounded in my head

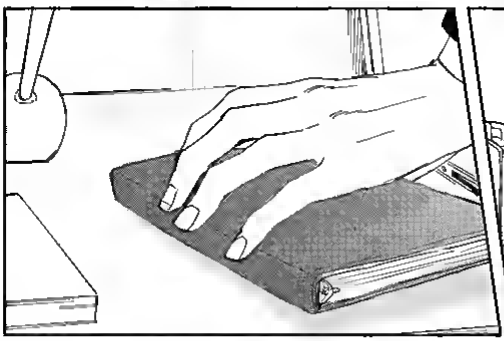

SORRY FOR COMING BACK HERE...
BEFORE I FULFILLED MY PROMISE
BUT YOSHIMITSU-SAN...
IF YOU'RE GONE.....

FOR WHAT...
WHO I...
WHAT AM I COMING BACK TO?
I don't know anything about being late or early,
or what I should even begin to regret

THAT'S RIGHT
THIS KID
Reminds me of him.

I can't treat that kid as a substitute.
TO THINK THAT I WOULD BE REMINDED OF MY LONELINESS
OVER THE SHAME OF MY WRETCHEDNESS...
CREAK
SIGH





I'M OFF.

End.